

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S15669–S15879

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1936–1950, and S. Res. 273–274.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1940, to reauthorize the Head Start Act. (S. Rept. No. 108–208)

Report to accompany S. 710, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who commit acts of torture, extrajudicial killings, or other specified atrocities abroad are inadmissible and removable and to establish within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice an Office of Special Investigations having responsibilities under that Act with respect to all alien participants in war crimes, genocide, and the commission of acts of torture and extrajudicial killings abroad. (S. Rept. No. 108–209)

S. 1786, to revise and extend the Community Services Block Grant Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Assets for Independence Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–210)

S. 573, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 606, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 1881, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

NASA Workforce Flexibility Act: Senate passed S. 610, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the

nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Ensign (for Voinovich/Carper) Amendment No. 2214, in the nature of a substitute.

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New Hope Cemetery: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 1537, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery, and the bill was then passed.

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Ozark Land Exchange: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 33, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites, and the bill was then passed.

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Green Mountain National Forests Boundaries: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 1499, to adjust the boundaries of Green Mountain National Forest, and the bill was then passed.

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National Veterinary Medical Services Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1367, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a loan repayment program regarding the provision of veterinary services in shortage situations, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Wind Cave National Park Boundary Revision Act: Senate passed S. 425, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota.

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Wild Sky Wilderness Act: Senate passed S. 391, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands

as wilderness, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S15865–67**

Idaho Panhandle National Forest Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 434, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S15867–68**

Sandpoint Land and Facilities Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 435, to provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S15868–69**

Cold War Study: Senate passed S. 452, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S15869–70**

Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area Act: Senate passed S. 714, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S15870**

Salmon River Commercial Outfitting Act: Senate passed S.1003, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S15870**

Coconino and Tonto National Forests Act: Senate passed H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S15870–71**

Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site Establishment Act: Senate passed H.R. 1012, to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S15871–72**

Captive Wildlife Safety Act: Senate passed H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S15872–73**

Ensign (for Inhofe/Jeffords) Amendment No. 2215, to make certain modifications to improve the bill. **Page S15873**

Preserving Independence of Financial Institution Examinations Act: Senate passed S. 1947, to prohibit the offer of credit by a financial institution to a financial institution examiner. **Pages S15873–74**

American Dream Downpayment Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 811, to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto. **Page S15874**

Ensign (for Shelby) Amendment No. 2216, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15874**

GAO Human Capital Reform Act: Senate passed S. 1522, to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S15875–78**

Authorizing Document Production: Senate agreed to S. Res. 274, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs. **Page S15879**

Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug coverage program under the Medicare program, to modernize, strengthen, and improve the Medicare program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings accounts, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to abbreviated applications for the approval of new drugs and the importation of prescription drugs. **Pages S15670–S15771**

By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 457), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report. **Page S15698**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 458), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive sections 311(A)(2) and 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to the

conference report to accompany H.R. 1. Subsequently, the point of order that the conference report was in violation of sections 311(A)(2) and 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was not sustained, and thus falls.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at 8:15 a.m., on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, with a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur at 9:15 a.m.

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National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1768, to extend the national flood insurance program, clearing the measure for the President.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Japan (Treaty Doc. No. 108–12).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Appointments:

American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed Dr. Daniel Botkin, of California, as a member of the Board of

Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, vice Susan Barksdale Howorth, of Mississippi.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Jane J. Boyle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

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Enrolled Bills Signed:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—458)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:12 p.m. until 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15879.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.